PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC Form 8-K July 29, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

July 29, 2010

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware | 0-22664 | 75-2504748 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| 450 Gears Road, Suite 500, Houston, Texas | | 77067 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | (Zip Code) |
| Registrant s telephone number, including area code: | | 281-765-7100 |
| | Not Applicable | |
| Former nam | ne or former address, if changed since l | ast report |
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| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing the following provisions: | g is intended to simultaneously satisfy | the filing obligation of the registrant under any of |
| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 und Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under Pre-commencement communications pursuant to F Pre-commencement communications pursuant to F | the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12 Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act | 2) (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |

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| Item 2.02 Results of | Operations and | Financial | Condition. |
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On July 29, 2010, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the "Company") announced financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010. The press release, dated July 29, 2010, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 29, 2010, the Company announced financial results for the three and six ended June 30, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated July 29, 2010 announcing financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010.

The information in this report is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, shall not otherwise be subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

July 29, 2010 By: \(\s/\ \) John E. Vollmer III

Name: John E. Vollmer III

Title: Senior Vice President - Corporate Development, Chief

Financial Officer and Treasurer

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
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